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**Proposition No. 2**  
**INCREASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FROM**  
**THREE TO FIVE**

Shall the Charter, if approved by the voters in Proposition No. 1, increase the number of elected county commissioners from the current number of three commissioners to five commissioners?

INCREASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FROM THREE TO FIVE - **YES** . . . ☐

INCREASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FROM THREE TO FIVE - **NO** . . . ☐

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**Statement for:**

Clark County was formed around the turn of the last century. It was founded from territorial days and its operations are dictated by the state. Home rule charter was given as an option for counties. That option opens many doors for citizen participation and better representation. Five commissioners will give us better representation and allow for more voter participation.

Better participation because there will be five districts, each with an elected commissioner. The number of people that each commissioner represents will be reduced significantly and provide for easier access and more time for the commissioner to meet with and listen to all of their constituents.

Better representation because the special needs and concerns of each district will be more on the minds of those running for office. The concerns of the district will more likely be debated at the commissioner level. The commissioner will be responsible to a smaller group of voters. More commissioners means more ideas and more time for personal investigation and involvement in neighborhood issues. Perhaps most important they will be more accountable to the voters, you might even get to meet them at the door when they run for office.

I urge you to vote for the charter and for the option of having 5 commissioners.

Written by:  
Vernon V. Veysey

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**Rebuttal of statement against:**

Voting for 5 commissioners will not cost any more money. It provides better representation and more accountability. It provides easier access to your commissioner who would be speaking on your behalf. It will provide for a greater debate on issues and more thoughtful decisions. Unlike staff, we can vote them in or out of office if they do not represent our position on issues. I urge you to vote for the representation we deserve.

Written by:  
Vern Veysey

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**Proposition Nos. 2, 3, and 4 will be effective only if the Home Rule Charter (Proposition No. 1) is approved by the Voters.**

**Proposition No. 2 explanatory statement :**

Proposition No. 2 gives voters a choice between electing three commissioners or electing five commissioners. If Proposition No. 2 passes, the number of commissioners will be increased from three to five and the county will then be divided into five commissioner districts. The boundaries of each district shall correspond as nearly as practicable with the boundaries of election precincts and shall be drawn to produce districts with compact and contiguous territory, composed of geographical units and natural communities, which are approximately equal in population based upon the most recent federal decennial census data. The two new commissioner positions would be filled by election in the primary and general elections of 2003. If Proposition No. 2 fails, the number of commissioners shall remain at three.

**Statement against:**

Increasing from three to five county commissioners is unwise at a time of financial decline in state and county revenue. Adding two more commissioners with associated staff, supplies, office space and equipment, etc. would cost \$464,100 *per year*. Is it really worth spending the extra money? Will adding two more people improve the County Commissioner's decisions or rulings or improve services to the citizens?

There are more pressing issues facing the county than adding more politicians to the payroll. You could add 10 new employees with salaries of \$35,000-\$40,000 per year for the same price as two new commissioners. The extra expense of nearly half a million dollars will take money away from services and salaries of people doing the front-line work that directly benefits citizens. Wouldn't it be better to spend this money on police and fire protection, social services or health district functions?

The idea of cutting back commissioner salaries to pay for the extra positions has been suggested, but a separate salary commission would have control over that, not the voters. What's on the ballot is a straight up or down issue, with no means to adjust, compromise or weigh the additional costs against the whole budget.

Vote *no* on increasing the number of commissioners.

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Written by:  
Carrie Parks

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**Rebuttal of statement for:**

In the coming year, Washington will face a \$1-\$2 billion budget deficit, meaning more cuts to county and city funding. We just can't afford two more commissioners right now. The money would be better spent on direct services to citizens.

Please vote *no* to adding more commissioners.

Written by:  
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